

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 9-24 are present in the case. Applicant has canceled claims 1-8. In view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks, applicant requests entry of the present Amendment and allowance of all claims present in the case at an early date.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant herein petitions for an extension of time beyond the shortened statutory period for response of three months in the Office Action dated April 4, 2006. Enclosed herewith is a completed form PTO/SB/22 and the extension fee of \$60.00 for response within the first month after the shortened statutory period. The Applicant qualifies as a small business entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) and evidence of such has been previously filed

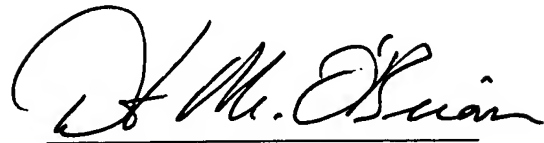
SUMMARY

Because the total number of claims and the number of independent claims for which a filing fee has been paid are not exceeded by the entry of this Amendment, no fee for additional claims is due.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 9-24 are allowable. It is believed that this case is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. M. O'Brian", written in black ink.

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